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A sportsman in Colorado pens a letter to the editor and mentions the 37 sportsmen's organizations in the state that support protecting Bristol Bay. "This Pebble mine, as it's called, is a truly bad idea. We can't afford to risk 40 percent of the world's sockeye salmon for a mine that will generate 10 billion tons of waste, stored behind earthen dams in an earthquake-prone area," wrote outdoorsman Wayne Turner in the Summit Daily.

The Bristol Bay Native Corporation expressed steadfast opposition to Pebble Mine at a meeting in Juneau that was well attended by legislators. Jason Metrokin, CEO of the BBNC, said the corporation's shareholders as well as voters across Alaska support responsible development, including mineral extraction, but oppose the Pebble Mine. He said, "We can support renewable and non-renewable development, but there's one particular project that we don't support because of the risks it represents to the region."

And, members of the Commercial Fishery's Entry Commission corrected a false assertion at the meeting by a Pebble backer that just 15% of Bristol Bay fishing permits are owned by local residents. In a letter to the Juneau Empire, they said that more than 25% of Bristol Bay commercial fishing permits are held by locals, while nearly 54% are owned by Alaskans.

A letter writer in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner welcomes EPA involvement with Bristol Bay because: "The majority of our state government will not lift a finger because it wants the mine to be developed with little regard for commercial/subsistence people who rely on it for sustenance or for sport fishermen/tourist entertainment." He urges protection of a fish resource that can last for thousands of years more.

Lastly, the Hatch, a popular online fly fishing magazine, lays out the broad opposition to Pebble and asks folks to take action and write the President and their representatives.

For more information, go to www.SaveBristolBay.org

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Mine threatens Bristol Bay fishery
Wayne C. Turner, Fairfield CO
Summit Daily

I spend a lot of time in the great outdoors hunting and fishing, both in Colorado and all over this wonderful country. One place that I haven't made it to yet is Bristol Bay, in southwest Alaska, where monster-sized trout run in droves and the sockeye salmon arrive up to 40 million strong... [Click here to read more](#)

Bristol Bay Native Corp. leaders oppose Pebble
Pat Forgey

Homer Tribune, Juneau Empire

The Bristol Bay Native Corp. came to Juneau, bringing with them pickled and kippered salmon and a message from its shareholders. They don't like the Pebble Mine, and fear it may threaten the salmon on which Bristol Bay is dependent... [Click here to read more](#)

Not true

Alaska Commercial Fishery's Entry Commission
Juneau Empire

The Juneau Empire's Tuesday, March 20 article "Native Corps. bicker over Pebble Mine at meeting" reported a statement that "only 15 percent of Bristol Bay permits are local..." This statement is not true... [Click here to read more](#)

Pebble debate breaks out between BBNC Shareholders

Tim Bradner

Alaska Journal of Commerce

Sharp opinion differences over the proposed Pebble mine within the Bristol Bay community spilled out in Juneau March 19... [Click here to read more](#)

Trout Unlimited Issues Call to Action to Save Bristol Bay

Ben Kryzinski

Hatch Magazine

Since the active exploration of the proposed Pebble Mine area in Bristol Bay, Alaska began in 2002, the potential impacts and other issues surrounding the proposed mining project have been on the forefronts of minds across the country and across the globe... [Click here to read more](#)

Pebble's risks

Mark L. Kline, Fairbanks AK

Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

It is not a coincidence Sen. Murkowski is pushing for limits on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's authority at a time when it is pretty much the only obstacle willing to apply its authority to prevent wanton destruction of that which feeds the watershed of the Bristol Bay, the proposed location of the Pebble Mine... [Click here to read more](#)

Science minds swarm Dillingham

Hannah Heimbach

The Dutch Harbor Fisherman

The fifth annual Western Alaska Interdisciplinary Science Conference kicks off in Dillingham on Wednesday, the start of four days of presentations and discussions surrounding Alaska scientific interests. With 71 presentations scheduled on issues from sustainable energy to marine science, from

indigenous evaluation to food security, there are many issues for scientists and science enthusiasts to sink their teeth into... [Click here to read more](#)

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